

REMARKS

1. An Office Action requiring Applicants to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits was mailed August 15, 2006. In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement, Applicants submit this Response to Election/Restriction Requirement.

Restriction Requirement

2. The Examiner has required the election of a single invention for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner alleged that the originally filed claims are directed to the following two (2) patentably distinct inventions:

- I.* Claims 1 through 56, drawn to an implantable device, classified in class 607, subclass 57.
- II.* Claims 57 through 81, drawn to a housing for an implantable device, classified in class 607, subclass 51.

Provisional Election

10. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.143 and MPEP 818.03(b), Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I, namely, claims 1-56.

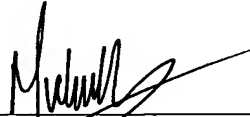
11. Applicants do not intend to dedicate non-elected claims to the public and reserve the right to file divisional applications for the subject matter covered by the non-elected claims.

12. The inventorship for the invention of the elected claims is the same as the inventorship of record in this application.

Conclusion

13. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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